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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the period for responding to the Notice of Incomplete Reply now set to expire on October 6, 2001, be extended by three (3) months, so as to expire on January 6, 2002.

As Applicants are associated with a small entity, a check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed to cover the fees involved in filing the Three-Month Extension to file the Notice of Incomplete Reply of the Application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiencies or to credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 11-1153.

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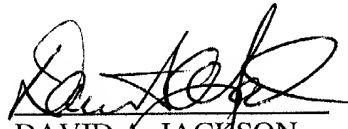
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Favorable action on this Request for Extension of Time is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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